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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
LUCIUS DILLS
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1, subject to the will of the voters as expressed at the polls.

We are authorized to announce
A. J. WELTER
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1, subject to the will of the voters as expressed at the polls.

Christmas is over and with the New Year soon coming all can settle down to making Roswell a better and larger town.

The Carlsbad Current complains of the many "grafting sharks" that infest that town. Better make war on them, Brother Mulane.

A subscriber, a woman of course, has written to the Carlsbad Current, suggesting a new name for the state to be. Among those mentioned are Peace, Wealth, Health, Harmony, Sunshine.

The past year has brought quite a number of very desirable things to Roswell, such as the new railroad, the armory, the Federal building, etc. Now let us all buckle down and see if we cannot make a much better record for the year 1909.

GOVERNOR CURRY TALKS ABOUT STATEHOOD.

Governor Curry is working hard to secure statehood for New Mexico, and incidentally doing quite a lot of talking for newspaper publication. While his efforts for statehood may result in nothing, still his talks will give us some desirable advertising. Here is his latest:

"I fully expect that New Mexico and Arizona will each become a state of the Union during the coming year.

"Since Oklahoma and Indian Territory were united in the state of Oklahoma, there has been a decided change in public opinion throughout the country on the subject of single statehood.

"The people are better acquainted with conditions in both New Mexico and Arizona. They realize that each is qualified for statehood. Many of the commonwealths had less population and far less industrial wealth than either New Mexico or Arizona when they were admitted.

"These are the last two remaining territories within the mainland of the United States, and sentiment, as well as necessity, should direct that they no longer remain outside the sisterhood of states, and subject to the disadvantages of lack of complete freedom. The campaign for admission, so far as New Mexico is concerned, will be pushed with the utmost vigor. Inasmuch as both the democratic and republican platforms declared in favor of separate statehood, I have no doubt that there will be almost no opposition to it, and that an enabling act will be passed before congress adjourns, March 4th, otherwise the discussion will be projected into the extra session, which, I think, all will agree should be restricted to tariff revision.

Present conditions are sufficient ground for admission of New Mexico into the Union. In population, industrial wealth and civilization, she is

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THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S PROXY

(Continued.)

When I was a young man I secured a job at a lighthouse. My duties were nominal, and at first I was much pleased at having so little to do, but before long became tired of the monotony and wished myself anywhere else. I asked the keeper what he had me for, and he said it was for company. He couldn't stay there alone, so he was willing to give 25 per cent of his salary for a companion. I told him that I would attend to the duties and give him 50 per cent of the salary, and he might stay away altogether. To this, after some consideration, he assented. When he left he told me he would come back occasionally, especially immediately after pay days. If lighthouse officials came along I was to try to find out if they had ever seen the keeper, Branegan. If they had I was to say he had been taken ill and had gone to a hospital. If they did not know him, I was to claim to be the keeper himself. With this he departed.

I found it a bigger contract than I had anticipated. The loneliness was simply awful. I stood it a month and was about to resign when a boatload of lighthouse officials and others came to the steps, and when they came up I noticed several women among them. One of them was a young girl, Cora Earl, the daughter of the captain of the life saving station a mile down the beach. She was very pretty, and we took a fancy to each other from the start. I showed them over the premises, and as the keeper wasn't known to any of them I assumed to be he. After they had gone it was ten times as lonesome as before.

The next day I locked up and went to the life saving station to see Cora. I found her mighty well pleased to see me, and didn't get away from her till it was nearly time to light the lights. I arranged for her to meet me the next day half way between the light and the station. She did so, and it wasn't long before we were betrothed. It occurred to me to tell her that I was not the keeper, but I didn't dare do it. I had nothing to marry on except my salary, and I was fearful she would make a break and I would be relieved of that. I was surprised that her father hadn't seen Branegan, but learned that the keeper was supposed to be a solitary man who wouldn't have any friends. Those I met were astonished to discover that he was so sociable.

Branegan came along once a month and sometimes oftener. He had influence to get information when any official would call at the lighthouse and would usually be on hand. I posted him how I was playing him with the life saving people, and he was careful not to give me away. I married Cora six weeks after I met her. Her father thought it too soon, but I told him I was so lonesome that I couldn't stand it any longer. So we got spliced, and Cora came to live with me at the light.

One night in a fog a vessel came right in to within half a mile of the light. I was in the yawl at the time, and as the fog stood a few feet above the water, I could see her, though she couldn't see me or the lighthouse. I pulled out to her, shouting as I pulled, and succeeded in heading her off. When directly under her bows her captain hailed me, and I told him he was within a few hundred yards of the rocks. He gave an order to back off, but before leaving asked me my name, etc. I told him I was Branegan, the lighthouse keeper.

A few days later two men came to the lighthouse and asked for Branegan. I told them I was Branegan, and they clapped a pair of handcuffs on me. I was taken into the city and charged with murder, but when my accusers came to see me they declared I was not Branegan. I was obliged to confess how I came by my position, and I was returned under guard to the lighthouse. A man was left with me to see that I did not communicate with Branegan.

Of course this was a great shock to my wife. She remembered that she had married me without knowing anything about me, and I was obliged to confess that appearances were much against me, but before I was taken away I told her the true story, and she believed me.

Since my marriage I was used to meeting Branegan half a mile up the beach on pay day, and next pay day I concluded to go to him as usual. I couldn't save him if I would. Of course I was followed and Branegan was arrested.

The lighthouse governors heard of my arrest as Branegan, but the matter was explained, and when I went back after my release it was with authority to act temporarily as keeper. The truth is they had no one else just then to put in my place and knew that I had been acting as keeper for months. Nothing was done until after the arrest of Branegan himself, when I received a call from a member of the lighthouse board. He informed me that the captain of the ship I had saved from going on the rocks had reported the fact to the board and had sent a check for \$1,000 for me. This he gave me with my appointment as keeper, with an advance of \$200 a year salary.

From the moment of my arrest my wife's parents had lost confidence in me, and begged her to come back to them, but she stuck to her post, though my conduct looked very suspicious. When I received the check and my appointment she took me again into her confidence, and we have been very happy in our storm beaten home ever since.

Branegan was shocked of the matter on a plea of insanity and afterward died in an asylum for the criminally insane.

Thank You.
Thursday afternoon the Record received from Joyce-Fruit Company a fine box of oranges and from Shepherd & Co., a box of juicy apples. The Record acknowledges receipt of these gifts, which were fully enjoyed by the members of the force. With the box of oranges from Joyce-Fruit Company, however, came a letter, which to the management of the Record was of even more value than many boxes of oranges, showing as it does, an appreciation of the work the Record has faithfully tried to do. The letter follows:

The Record Publishing Co.,
Roswell, New Mex.
Gentlemen:—On the eve of a coming New Year we wish to congratulate the DAILY RECORD for the fearless stand it has taken for the civic righteousness in the City of Roswell, and for the boosting spirit exhibited in assisting generally all legitimate enterprises in the up-building of Roswell.

Please accept our thanks for the good positions you have given us during the past year in our advertising matter. We are sending you a little Christmas token which we hope your entire force will enjoy.

You have our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,
JOYCE-FRUIT COMPANY.
By A. Pruitt,
Secretary.

Harry Holly returned to Dexter last night after spending several days in Roswell.

Miss Pearl Swift, the nurse, went to Hagerman last night to remain several days.

Misses Hollie and Evelyn Kinsinger went to Artesia last night for a week's visit with relatives.

Harvey Barrett, of Hagerman, will return home tonight after a three days' visit in Roswell.

L. W. Martin and children returned to Artesia last night after a two days' visit here with relatives.

Miss Willa Nevins, who has been here about six months, an employee of the Joyce-Fruit Co., left Christmas morning for her home in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. W. G. Upton and son, Ben, left



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R. H. McCUNE, Secretary and Manager.

this morning for Stockton, Calif., and they will visit relatives in various parts of the Golden State until next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose and little son returned to Carlsbad last night after a visit here with relatives.

Warning.

I have frequently observed that parents and others in charge of small children are in the habit of driving onto Main street of the City of Roswell, frequently crowded with vehicles, abandon the carriage or buggy or other vehicle in which they may be riding, leaving small helpless children to take care of the horse or horses which are attached, sometimes fastened and sometimes loose. You are warned now, if you have not heretofore realized it, that it is extremely dangerous and may be very disastrous to helpless people. With such a condition and should a runaway occur on

the street, the disaster might be very great. Parents should be a little more thoughtful, not quite so indifferent and forgetful.

I have frequently taken children from buggies or carriages and removed them to places of safety and I have instructed the peace officers of the City of Roswell to remove children left in such condition to a place of safety and if horses are not tied to remove them to the livery stable at the expense of the owner or driver.

We are trying to make Roswell a safer and better place for life and property and a cleaner, better place in which to live. We want the help of all the good people and all should give attention to this in view.

We trust as the new year begins that it will not be necessary for peace officers to act in this matter or for the Mayor of the City to again call attention to the condition.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. RICHARDSON,
Mayor.

BARGAINS

Left Over From Christmas

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